

# Guatemala 2010

## Fundraising Suggestions and Plans

The collection of \$1,400 is a huge task but remember that this is God's project and He will help you every step of the way. On average, \$1,400 can be raised through well-written letters sent to about 60 people who know you. Don't limit these contacts to Christian friends and family. Here are some hints that you can use while you raise the money for this trip:

1. Make a list of friends and relatives you plan to contact personally. This is your most important source. A good plan that works is to follow these steps:
  - A. Telephone these people and let them know about the project personally.
  - B. Send them a letter like the sample one included in this packet.
  - C. Call once more, a few days after they have received the letter, just to make sure it arrived. This will remind them that this project is very important to you.
2. Choose one of the fundraising plans and begin immediately. You don't want to put this off and be surprised when deadlines come. The target date for having your funds reach us is the end of **February**. We need \$1,400 per person and even a little more to make the budget balance.
3. Contact your church treasurer and ask them to open an account for the Youth Mission Adventure. If funds are processed through your church, the treasurer will be writing the income tax receipts then sending the funds on to the Upper Columbia Conference Office. It's important for the treasurer to record your name beside the income so that we can keep track of your amount here at the office.
4. Talk to your Sabbath School leader to see if your class is willing to support this mission project.
5. Contact your church pastor and discuss your financial needs with him. He'll already be aware of this project and should have some suggestions.
6. The funds collected can be handled in two ways. They can be processed through your local church treasury, or sent directly to the Upper Columbia Conference Office. It is important that checks be made out to either the church or the conference if supporters wish to use their contributions as an **income tax deduction**. **Be sure to include the *Donation Record Form* from the sample supporter letter (see the next page) in your letter!** Otherwise, we may not be able to tell you how much you've raised.
7. It's nice to send a thank you note and, perhaps, a picture of the finished project to those who've helped you raise the money necessary for this trip. Keep track of the people who've helped. We'll also keep accurate records here at the Conference Office. Receipts will be sent out at a later date to all those who made donations.

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## Fundraising Suggestions and Plans (continued)

### *Plan One*

Delegate	\$300
Parent Contribution	\$275
Local Church	\$275
Family and Friends	
2- \$100	\$200
3- \$50	\$150
5- \$20	\$100
<b>Total Raised</b>	<b>\$1,400</b>

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### *Plan Two*

Delegate	\$120
Parent Contribution	\$200
Local Church	\$300
Family and Friends	
3- \$100	\$300
5- \$50	\$250
6- \$20	\$120
11- \$10	\$110
<b>Total Raised</b>	<b>\$1,400</b>

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### *Plan Three*

Delegate	\$150
Parents Contribution	\$150
Local Church	\$250
Youth Project(s)	\$250
(car wash, banquet, etc.)	
Friends	
2- \$100	\$200
3- \$50	\$150
9- \$20	\$180
7- \$10	\$70
<b>Total Raised</b>	<b>\$1,400</b>

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## Other Ideas

- Banquet (Valentine's?) or special meal (Sunday brunch?)
- Church-wide garage sale
- Sell tubs of frozen cookie dough or other premade food (enchiladas, lasagna, etc.)
- Auction off donated goods and/or your time (for yard work, babysitting, etc.)
- Penny drive
- Collect old cell phones or inkjet cartridges to recycle (see [www.phoneraiser.com](http://www.phoneraiser.com))
- Host a big-screen movie night or Super Bowl party—charge for popcorn, candy, veggieburgers, root beer floats, etc...offer free babysitting

## Luggage Guidelines/What to Bring....

All items listed below need to fit in one piece of luggage and one carry-on. If your sleeping bag doesn't fit in your suitcase or duffle bag, try to bundle them together so they'll only count as one item. Typically your checked bag can weigh 50 lbs, but remember that **you** have to carry it, so don't pack more than you can manage alone. Carry-ons, typically, consist of one backpack-sized bag and a personal item (i.e. purse, briefcase, and such sized items). These details may change between now and our trip, so pay attention to letters you will be getting in the mail.

1. Light sleeping bag and/or sheets and a blanket
2. Sleeping pad
3. One large plastic water jug (for your water at the work site)
4. Work clothes and shoes
5. Sabbath clothes—dress or skirt for the ladies (shoes other than flip flops); dress shirt and tie for the gentlemen (no suit coat is necessary)
6. Very modest swimwear
7. Bible, pen, and paper
8. Camera and extra film or memory cards
9. A couple pair of shoes
10. Lightweight raingear (a cheap poncho is fine)
11. Spending money for souvenirs and food while we travel
12. One jar of peanut butter in a **plastic container**
13. Two cans of vegetarian meat (your choice)
14. A couple rolls of toilet paper
15. One set of dishes for your own use—plate, bowl, cup, utensils
16. Personal hygiene items—hand soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.
17. Hand sanitizer
18. Two containers of “handy wipes”/“wet ones” type of pre-moistened cleaning clothes
19. Give away items for children—balloons, mirrors, combs, Sabbath School items, etc.
20. One extra Bible to give away—maybe even in Spanish
21. Insect repellent
22. Sunblock—a must!